

Schuller Institute in Garden Grove, CA; and others.

Dr. Lever is the recipient of the American Legion Award for "Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service." He has been inducted into the International Honorary Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, the Phi Beta Kappa "National Scholastic Society," and Pi Gamma Mu "National Social Science Honor Society," the International Society of Theta Phi for "Scholars and Leaders in Religion," the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity which recognizes "Academic and Extracurricular Leadership," and has been listed in various volumes of "Who's Who, Outstanding Young Men in America," and "The Dean's List."

Dr. Lever has a varied background in Christian Ministry. In college he served as Youth Counselor at the Look-Up Lodge and Camp in Traveler's Rest, SC; as a Youth Director at Duncan Memorial UMC in Spartanburg, SC; and as a Summer Youth Director at Southside UMC in Jacksonville, FL. In seminary he served as Minister of Martin's Chapel UMC in Lawrenceville, GA; as Chaplain to the terminal care unit at Wesley Woods Health Center in Atlanta, GA; and as Chaplain to the oncology unit at Crawford Long Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Lever's first appointment in the Florida Annual Conference was to the Ortega UMC in Jacksonville, FL. He then served Swaim Memorial UMC also in Jacksonville. While at Swaim UMC, Frank and Helen Sherman gave seven million dollars to begin the Sherman Scholarship program for students entering the ministry from the Florida Conference and one thousand dollars to begin a preschool program during the weekday at the church. After Swaim UMC, Dr. Lever then served Riverside Park UMC in Jacksonville until his appointment to Lake Magdalene UMC in June, 1995. Riverside Park is recognized for its numerous outreach ministries including a ninety-unit apartment complex for the elderly, a 125-unit child care center for low income families, and The Life Center (a community outreach ministry for older adults which draws individuals from around the city).

Dr. Lever is active in both District and Conference affairs. In the Jacksonville District he served on the Board of the Christian Enrichment School, the District Committee on Finance and the District Committee on Superintendency. He also served as Chairman of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. On the Conference level, he has served on the Conference Council on Ministries, the Conference Work Area on Education and he currently serves on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (CBOM). On the CBOM he serves on the Executive Committee, the Guidance Committee, the Policy Committee and as the CBOM Secretary.

Dr. Lever has served on numerous boards and agencies. Among these are the boards of the St. Marks Ark Lutheran Church Child Care; the Riverside Park Apartments; The Riverside Park Child Care Center; and The Life Center. He has also served as Vice-Chair of the Wesley Manor Retirement Community and as Vice Chair of the Wesley Villas which is currently completing a 6 million dollar, 640-unit villa retirement complex.

Dr. Lever received his calling into the Ordained Ministry as a youth and received his License to Preach in 1975. He met his wife, Xiommy, on a double-date in high school (they were both dating other individuals as the time) and ended up dating their senior year in high school. Their common love for the church and of one another made them an ideal match for each other. Today, Xiommy is active in Disciple Bible Study and the Walk of Emmaus. She also serves as a Cer-

tified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Lever is excited to be sharing in the ministry of Lake Magdalene UMC. He believes that the bedrock to our faith is to be found in coming to know Christ and in making Him known to others through word and deed. It is to this end that Dr. Lever has committed his life to God's Kingdom.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, Senator GREGG, is recognized.

Mr. GREGG. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately proceed to executive session for consideration of Calendar No. 324, the nomination of Charles Siragusa of New York to be a U.S. district judge. Under the order, the time between now and 10:30 a.m. will be equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member. At the expiration or yielding back of time, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Siragusa nomination. Therefore, Senators should be alerted that there will be a rollcall vote this morning at 10:30 a.m.

Following the vote, there will be a period of morning business until 12 noon. At 12 noon the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1292, a bill disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6. While that measure has a 10-hour statutory time limitation, it is the hope of the majority leader that much of that time may be yielded back.

The Senate may also consider and complete action on any or all of the following items during today's session: The D.C. appropriations bill, the FDA reform conference report, the Amtrak strike resolution, the intelligence authorization conference report, and any additional legislative or executive items that can be cleared.

I also remind all Senators that under rule XXII, they have until 1 p.m. today in order to file timely amendments to H.R. 2646, the A-plus educational savings account bill. Needless to say, all Senators should expect rollcall votes throughout today's session of the Senate.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GREGG). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF CHARLES J. SIRAGUSA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now go into executive session and proceed to the nomination of Charles J. Siragusa, of New York, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Charles J. Siragusa, of New York, to be U.S. district judge for the Western District of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time until 10:30 a.m. shall be equally divided between the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY].

Mr. GRAMS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the vote scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today be postponed until 12 noon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a period for morning business now commence until 12 noon and that the previous order with respect to S. 1292 then follow the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak in morning business for up to 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the conference report to the DOD authorization bill. One of the issues which held up the resolution of the conference was the high performance computer issue. This matter certainly was not resolved to my satisfaction, and I understand that this is one of three issues that may cause the veto of this legislation.

On July 10 the Grams-Boxer amendment passed in the Senate by a vote of 72-27. It created a GAO study on the national security concerns related to computer sales between 2,000-7,000 MTOPS to tier 3 countries. Those countries include China, Russia, and Israel.